FARMINGVILLE, NY - At the April 20th Board Meeting, Town of Brookhaven officials approved a resolution sponsored by Councilman Daniel J. Panico authorizing the use of the Brookhaven Aquatic Center / Mastic Pool by the 103rd Rescue Squadron, Air National Guard for training purposes.

When faced with natural but localized disasters such as blizzards, earthquakes, floods, and forest fires traditionally National Guard units are called out. They may also be federalized in major disasters that threaten to overwhelm the resources of individual states or communities. According to the National Guard Bureau, "The indigenous skills and capabilities National Guardsmen used to respond to natural disasters are the same skills and capabilities that enable us to successfully respond to potential terrorist threats."

"I am proud to offer this level of support to the 103rd Rescue Squad which is stationed locally at Gabreski Airport. as they demonstrated so admirably in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake, these brave servicemen and women perform remarkably and deserve whatever training assistance the Town of Brookhaven is able to provide," said Councilman Panico.

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